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1. The Chief Directorate, Border Troops (Glavnoye upravleniye pogranichnykh voysk - GUPV) of the MVD was probably organized in the early twenties. Soviet Border Troops themselves were organized on 15 February 1921. Except for the short period of subordination to the MGB (1950 to April 1953), the GUPV was always subordinate to the MVD. The GUPV was located in Moscow, as far as I can remember, on Malaya or Bol'shaya Bronnaya Ulitsa.
2. Brig. Gen. (GenMayor) ZYRYANOV was head of the Chief Directorate of Border Troops, MVD, USSR (Nachal'nik glavnogo upravleniya). He was appointed to this position in 1952. Prior to this time ZYRYANOV had been Commanding General of one of the border districts in the Far East. For many years before ZYRYANOV's appointment, Maj. Gen. STAKHANOV was the head of GUPV. In 1951, STAKHANOV was appointed Deputy Minister of MGB for MGB troops. Maj. Gen. PETROV, Chief of Staff, GUPV, was the Acting Chief, Directorate of Border Guard Troops, from the time that STAKHANOV left until ZYRYANOV was appointed. Strange as it may appear, PETROV, who was Chief of Staff GUPV, was a major general; while the Chief Director, i.e., his immediate superior, was a brigadier general. The explanation for this unusual situation, as I heard it, was that Maj. Gen. PETROV was a rather old and sick man unable to take over the responsibilities of the Chief Director; but at the same time he was thoroughly conversant with GUPV service. There had been many recent rumors that PETROV was going to retire in the near future and that probably that was why he had been kept in his position.

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3. Fifteen or seventeen border districts were directly subordinate to GUPV. In addition to the border districts, several border guard schools were subordinate to GUPV, as follows:
 - a. Higher Border Troops Officer School, Moscow (MPSh UOS), in Babushkin, near Moscow.
 - b. Border Guard Officer Candidate School (Uchilishche pogranichnykh voysk), MVD, USSR, in Babushkin, near Moscow.
 - c. Border Guard Officer Candidate School MVD, USSR, in Khar'kov.
 - d. Border Guard Officer Candidate School MVD, USSR, in Ordzhonikidze. (I am not sure whether this School was still operating. However, I am positive that it operated before and during World War II.)
 - e. Border Guard Officer Candidate School MVD, USSR, in Alma Ata.
 - f. Border Guard Officer Candidate School MVD, USSR, in Kamenets-Podol'sk.
 - g. Higher Border Guard Political Officer School (Shkola usovershenstvovaniya politsoostava) MVD, USSR, in Saratov. (I do not know when this school was organized. However, I do know it existed in 1951.)
 4. The most advanced training of border guard officers was given at the MVD Institute (Institut MVD) in Moscow, located on Leningrad Highway close to the Byelo Russian Railroad Station. This Institute was equivalent to the Frunze Academy and prepared MVD Border Troop Officers for the highest positions with border troops. The Institute was directly subordinate to the MVD.
 5. My knowledge of GUPV organization is rather sketchy. I visited it only once in 1947 and what I know was acquired through the years of my service with the Border Troops. I would like to mention, however, that the organization of the MVD Ministry, GUPV, and other branches and agencies of MVD, was never taught or discussed in MVD schools.

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during 1951 and 1952, the organization of MVD and its subsidiaries was never approached in any of the studies. According to my recollection, together with pieces of information collected through years of service with the Border Troops, the organization of GUPV was as follows [For Source's rough organizational chart see Annex A7]:

 - a. The Commanding General of Border Troops, MVD, USSR (Nachal'nik pogranichnykh voysk MVD, SSSR) had the following deputies:
 - (1) Deputy for Intelligence
 - (2) Deputy for Officer Personnel: Col. PONOMAREV had held this position for at least the last five years.
 - (3) Deputy for Rear Services
 - (4) Head of Political Administration, Border Troops (Nachal'nik politicheskogo upravleniya pogranichnykh voysk), MVD, USSR. For many years prior to 1947 this position was occupied by Maj. Gen. MIRONENKO. In 1947 MIRONENKO was appointed Commanding General of one of the southern border districts, and in 1951 he was appointed Commanding General of the Leningrad Border District. Then he was appointed Deputy Minister MGB, for Militia. In 1947, MIRONENKO's

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position in GUPV was given to Brig. Gen. GUSAROV, who until that time had been MVD Minister of one of the middle Asiatic SSR's. GUSAROV was head of Political Administration Border Troops until 1952 when it was rumored he retired; the former Secretary of the Kuybyshev CP Oblast Committee, whose name I do not recall, was then appointed to his position.

b. The following departments were subordinate to the Chief of Staff:

- (1) First or Border Security Department (Pervyy otel, ili sluzhba voysk), responsible for the organization of border guard service. The head of engineers and the head of canine service were subordinate to this Department.
- (2) Second or Combat Readiness Department (Vtoroy otel ili otel boyevoy podgotovki), responsible for the training of Border Guard Troops. The head of this Department was Col. KURSKIKH.
- (3) Third or Signal Department (tretiy otel ili otel svyazi), responsible for communications service.
- (4) Fourth or Enlisted Personnel Department (Chetvertyy otel ili otel lichnogo sostava).
- (5) Cipher Department (Kodo otel ili kodo-gruppa).
- (6) Administrative Office or Secretariat (sekretariat).
- (7) Department of Educational Institutions, headed by Brig. Gen. BUN'KOV. (All of the educational institutions I mentioned earlier paragraph 3, above were subordinate to BUN'KOV.)

c. The Medical Department, Veterinary Department, and Finance Department were directly subordinate to the Commanding General of Border Troops, MVD.

6. GUPV in Moscow did not have an FPN. Correspondence was addressed to Chief Directorate of Border Troops (glavnoye upravleniye pogra - nichnykh voysk), Moscow.

ANNEX:

- A. Source's Rough Organizational Chart of Chief Directorate Border Troops (GUPV) of the MVD, USSR

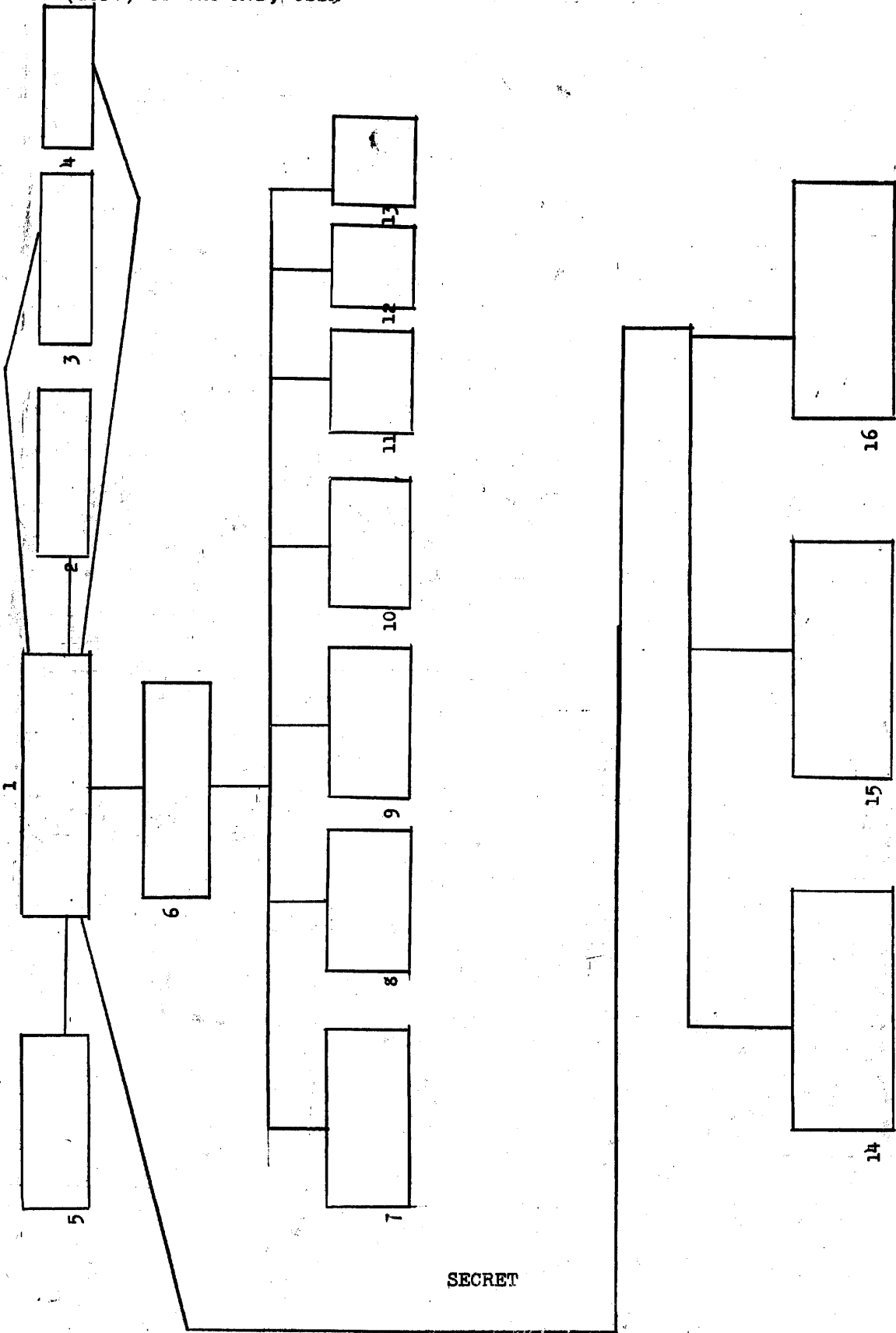
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ANNEX A:

Source's Rough Organizational Chart of Chief Directorate Border Troops (GUPV) of the MVD, USSR



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ANNEX A (CONT'D):

Key to Chart

1. Head, Chief Directorate Border Troops, MVD, USSR, Brig. Gen. ZYRYANOV
2. Deputy for Intelligence
3. Deputy for Officer Personnel, Col. PONOMAREV
4. Deputy for Rear Services
5. Head of Political Administration Border Troops, MVD, USSR
6. Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. PETROV
7. First, or Border Security Department
8. Second, or Combat Readiness Department, Col. KURSKIKH
9. Third, or Signal Department
10. Fourth, or Enlisted Personnel Department
11. Cipher Department
12. Administrative Office
13. Department of Educational Institutions, Brig. Gen. BUN'KOV
14. Medical Department
15. Veterinary Department
16. Finance Department

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